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DIRECTORS MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: IN READ-OUT ON EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING
HERE DECEMBER 15-16 MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN CHARACTERIZED
DISCUSSION AS MORE OF A REVIEW OF ONGOING ISSUES ON BASIS OF
REPORTS FROM VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS. AS HE PUT IT, GIVEN
RELATIVELY PEACEFUL CONDITION OF WORLD AT THIS MOMENT THERE
WAS NOT TOO MUCH FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS THIS TIME AROUND.
DISCUSSIONS COVERED EASTERN EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA, SOUTHERN
AFRICA, CSCE, CYPRUS, MALTA AND LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION, WITH
GENERAL CONVERSATION ABOUT MIDDLE EAST AT DINNER. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON
EASTERN EUROPE, FOCUSING ON ROLE OF SOVIET UNION IN DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES. GIVEN INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF SOVIET UNION IT WAS
SOMEWHAT INCONGRUOUS THAT WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED IN
VARIOUS FORA WITHOUT SOVIET PARTICIPATION. QUESTION WAS PUT
WHETHER IT WAS CONCEIVABLE FOR WESTERN POWERS TO SEEK TO SOLVE
WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS WHILE THE SOVIET UNION REMAINED DEFINITELY
OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF DISCUSSION, AND INDEED WHETHER SUCH

PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT THE SOVIET UNION. SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION WAS WHETHER WEST SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO ASK SOVIETS TO PARTICIPATE; FOR EXAMPLE, IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. RUTTEN EMPHASIZED THAT FOR MOMENT EC-9 WERE SIMPLY STUDYING THESE QUESTIONS WHICH OBVIOUSLY WOULD MERIT CONSIDERATION AS WELL IN NATO AND OECD. THEY HAD RELEVANCE ALSO TO POSSIBLE FUTURE SUMMITS SIMILAR TO RAMGOUILLET OR PUERTO RICO.

3. REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA HAD CONCENTRATED ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY. POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD CONCLUDED THAT RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO PAY SPECIFIC ATTENTION IN THEIR REPORTING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO SIGNAL ANY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT CALL FOR DEMARCHES OR OTHER INITIATIVES ON PART OF EC-9.

4. BRITISH HAD PROVIDED RUNDOWN ON GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA. NAMIBIA WAS NOT DISCUSSED. AFRICAN EXPERTS WERE ASKED TO MAKE A STUDY OF INTERNAL SITUATION IN REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE BLACK ORGANIZATIONS AND AN EVALUATION OF THEIR IMPORTANCE AND OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY IN THE BROADER PERSPECTIVE OF SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. RUTTEN SAID THEY HAD INFORMATION THAT OAU WAS CONSIDERING ADOPTING POLICY EQUATING SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH THAT IN FORMER COLONIAL AREAS AND GIVING ANC STATUS SIMILAR TO THAT ACCORDED FRELIMO, WHICH WOULD CREATE EXTREMELY AWKWARD SITUATION. EC-9 WOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE MORE MODERATE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF OAU NOT TO EMBARK ON ANY SUCH POLICY.

5. THERE WAS GENERAL DISCUSSION OF STATE OF PREPARATIONS FOR CSCE. POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD REVIEWED VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES
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FOR DIRECT COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION WITHOUT REACHING ANY CONCLUSIONS. RUTTEN SAID SEVERAL HAD REFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS AT NATO MINISTERIAL AND APPARENT CONCERN THERE THAT WEST WAS LOSING INITIATIVE IN RELATION TO BELGRADE. FOR THEIR PART, DUTCH WERE NOT CONCERNED NOR DID THEY BELIEVE THERE WAS CRYING NEED FOR NEW PROPOSALS. FACTS WERE THAT WESTERN POWERS HAD FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTED HELSINKI DECLARATION AND EAST HAD NOT. WEST SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST ON FULL IMPLEMENTATION AND SHOULD NOT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THIS MAIN POINT BY LAUNCHING NEW INITIATIVES. RUTTEN INDICATED EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER AT END OF JANUARY, AND FOREIGN MINISTERS LONDON MEETING WOULD DO LIKEWISE. DUTCH FELT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THIRD BASKET. RUTTEN ALSO MENTIONED EXPECTATION THAT PAPER ON DEFINITION OF DETENTE WOULD SOON BE COMPLETED AND CIRCULATED IN NATO.

6. ON CYPRUS RUTTEN INFORMED COLLEAGUES OF KISSINGER/VAN DER STOEL CONVERSATION IN BRUSSELS ON PRINCIPLES. IN LIGHT OF

UNSYG'S REMARKS DURING SC CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF UNFICYP MANDATE, POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD AGREED ON INSTRUCTION TO DUTCH PERMREP IN NEW YORK TO ASK SYG WHAT HE HAS IN MIND DOING AND TO EXPRESS WILLINGNESS OF EC-9 TO SUPPORT ANY NEW INITIATIVE HE MIGHT UNDERTAKE, INCLUDING THEMSELVES APPROACHING PARTIES. RUTTEN RECALLED THAT VAN DER STOEL'S LETTER TO KISSINGER HAD LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT EC-9 MIGHT PROCEED WITH PRINCIPLES INDEPENDENTLY; THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS BUT SET ASIDE ON BASIS IT WAS BETTER TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT SYG MIGHT DO.

7. RUTTEN TURNED NEXT TO RELATED MATTER INVOLVING CHARGE OF TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION IN CYPRUS. DUTCH ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS CONVENTION, RUTTEN EXPLAINED, ADDING THAT IT HAD BEEN USED BY FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL WHEN HE WAS STILL A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TO OUST GREECE FROM COUNCIL OF EUROPE. TURKEY WAS SIGNATORY, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT ACCEPTED JURISDICTION OF EUROPEAN COURT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS. CONSEQUENTLY UNDER ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAD COMPLETED STUDY OF CHARGES AND HAD INDEED CONCLUDED TURKS HAD VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS IN NUMBER OF RESPECTS. THOUGH COMMITTEE HAD NOT HAD ACCESS TO TURKISH AREAS THEY HAD SPOKEN WITH NUMBER OF WITNESSES AND CONSIDERED CHARGES CONFIRMED. NEXT STEP WOULD BE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE. FOR DUTCH IT WAS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY OF CONVENTION AND AVOID ADVERSE PRECEDENT, BUT GIVEN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES AND LIKELIHOOD OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE, IT HAD BEEN AGREED TO INSTRUCT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN STRASBOURG TO ARRANGE THAT MATTER DID NOT COME UP BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY, AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOULD BE IRISH (UNTIL FEBRUARY PRESIDENCY HELD BY GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER). EVEN BEFORE FEBRUARY FITZGERALD COULD BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING TURKS. RUTTEN SAID ONLY TURKISH REACTION TO DATE WAS THREAT TO PUBLISH THEIR OWN REPORT ON GREEK CYPRIOT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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8. ON MALTA RUTTEN SAID IT HAD BEEN AGREED FRENCH AND ITALIANS
COULD CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS WITH MINTOFF TO FIND OUT WHAT HE
REALLY WANTS, BUT EC-9 AS SUCH WISHED TO KEEP LOW PROFILE
SINCE THEY DID NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED DIRECTLY AND THUS
GIVE MINTOFF BROADER TARGET.

9. PROBLEM OF LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED.
EC-9 HAD AGREED THEY COULD PROVIDE USEFUL TECHNICAL EXPERTISE
BUT THOUGHT FINANCING SHOULD COME FROM ARAB WORLD. POSSIBILITY
OF DISCUSSING THIS SUBJECT IN EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE HAD COME UP,
AND AGREEMENT REACHED THAT EC-9 MIGHT GO ALONG IF ARABS MADE
SUCH A PROPOSAL BUT AGAIN WITH LIMITATION ANY FUNDS WOULD
HAVE TO COME FROM ARABS.

10. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD PROVIDED MATERIAL ON PORTUGAL IN
REFTEL IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED. RUTTEN ASSUMED BEFORE PRIME
MINISTER SOARES' TOUR OF EC CAPITALS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH
SUBJECT WOULD BE REVIEWED.
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